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SUBJECT: TURKEY WILL WORK TO KEEP IRAQ NEIGHBORS MEETING ON POINT

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Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor Carl Siebentritt for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) We used the opportunity of a July 5 meeting on another subject with Turkish Deputy Special Envoy for Iraq Fazli Corman to raise our continuing concerns that the Iranians will seek to hijack the Iraq Neighbors meeting being held July 8-9 in Tehran. We noted that Iraqi FonMin Zebari shared some of our concerns (ref d).

[1](#)2. (C) Corman responded that Turkey also expects the Iranian regime to try to use the meeting to advance its own agenda, and that Turkish FonMin Gul would work with Zebari to keep the meeting properly focused on Iraq-related issues. He added that Turkey will seek to ensure that the final ministers' declaration will be balanced and constructive. Corman also expressed annoyance that Iran had apparently not yet distributed a draft declaration or even an agenda to meeting participants.

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